



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No.: MBHB03-332-B (400.126))

In re the Application of:)
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 McSwiggen *et al.*)
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 Serial No.: 10/652,791) Group Art Unit: 1635
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 Filed: August 29, 2003) Examiner: Chong, Kimberly
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 For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition Of) Confirmation No. 3409
 Platelet-Derived Endothelial Cell Growth)
 Factor (ECGF1) Gene Expression Using)
 Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA))

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 19, 2005

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following response to the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2005. A Petition for a two (2) month extension of time and fee are included herewith. Accordingly a response is timely filed on or before May 19, 2006. No additional fees are thought to be presently due at this time; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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